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SUBJECT: ARMY-PROTESTORS CLASH--IMPACT ON AMERICAN  
CITIZENS IN CHINA

REF: BEIJING 13021 AND PREVIOUS

1. 00 DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 4 JUNE 1989,  
THE CHINESE PLA USED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, TANKS, AND  
APC'S TO MOVE THROUGH PROTESTORS AND THEIR BARRICADES  
IN ORDER TO REACH THE CENTER OF BEIJING. AN UNKNOWN  
NUMBER OF PROTESTORS AND PLA PERSONNEL ARE REPORTED  
DEAD AND WITH MANY MORE WOUNDED. AS OF 1500, INCIDENTS  
OF PLA FIRING ON DEMONSTRATORS CONTINUED TO BE REPORTED.

2. 000 DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE CLASH, EMBASSY  
MARINES WERE RECALLED. AS THE SITUATION CALMED, ONE  
HALF OF THE DETACHMENT WAS ORDERED BACK TO THE MARINE  
HOUSE TO REST AND RESERVE RESOURCES WHILE THE OTHER  
HALF REMAINED AT THE EMBASSY. AS OF 1500 HOURS, 4  
JUNE, THE DETACHMENT SECURED FROM RECALL TO REST IN  
ANTICIPATION OF AN INTENSE NIGHT. THREE MSG'S REMAIN  
ON DUTY.

3. 00 THE REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICE IS NOW STAFFED 24  
HOURS A DAY ALONG WITH OTHER SECTIONS OF THE MISSION TO  
INCLUDE CONSULAR.

4. 000 AMBASSADOR LILLEY CONVENED THE BEIJING EAC AT  
1130 HOURS, 4 JUNE 1989, TO ASSESS THE SITUATION AND  
DETERMINE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO BE TAKEN. WE HAVE  
INITIATED THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

--REPORTING OFFICERS IN THE CITY ARE TRAVELLING IN  
TWO-PERSON TEAMS WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTACT THE  
EMBASSY AT REGULARLY SCHEDULED INTERVALS.

--CONSULAR OFFICERS ARE VISITING HOSPITALS TO SEE IF  
ANY AMERICANS ARE INJURED OR DEAD.

--A TRAVEL ADVISORY URGES AMERICANS TO DEFER TRAVEL TO  
CHINA.

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--AM AMERICAN CITIZENS SERVICES CONTACT LINE HAS BEEN  
ESTABLISHED IN THE CHANCERY ON A 24-HOUR BASIS AT  
532-3431, EXT. 430 CALLS DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS  
WILL BE REFERRED TO ACS' NORMAL EXTENSION, 2641.

--AMERICANS ARE BEING CONTACTED AND ADVISED TO REMAIN  
INDOORS. EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS ARE TO  
REMAIN IN THEIR RESIDENCES UNLESS NEEDED AT THE EMBASSY  
OR IN WORK-RELATED MISSIONS. MAJOR HOTELS HAVE BEEN  
ASKED TO POST SIGNS URGING AMERICAN TOURISTS TO REMAIN  
INDOORS. THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND OTHER  
AGENTS ARE ALSO BEING CONTACTED AND ADVISED TO REMAIN  
INDOORS.

--THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE.

--AM EMBASSY GENERAL STAFF MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

--ALL EMBASSY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

--IN ANTICIPATION OF A POSSIBLE GENERAL STRIKE,  
AMERICANS ARE BEING ADVISED TO STOCK WATER, FOOD,  
MONEY, AND FLASHLIGHTS.

--A TRI-AGE AREA HAS BEEN SET UP BEHIND THE MARLINE IN  
THE CHANCERY ALTHOUGH UNTIL NOW THERE HAS BEEN NO NEED  
FOR SUCH A FACILITY.

5. 000 MSG'S ARE ON STANDBY AT THE MARINE HOUSE IN  
ANTICIPATION OF CONFRONTATIONS TONIGHT BETWEEN THE ARMY  
AND PROTESTORS.

6. 00 SECURITY IS ON LINE AND CLOSELY MONITORING THE  
SITUATION AS IT DEVELOPS AND WILL KEEP THE DEPARTMENT  
INFORMED OF EAC ACTIONS.

7. 00 FYI: ARSO ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT ZHU EN TAO AT  
MSG/MP'S HEADQUARTERS TO ASCERTAIN INFORMATION ON THE  
FATE OF AN AMERICAN JOURNALIST. FOUR ATTEMPTS WERE  
MADE. THE FIRST ATTEMPT RECEIVED AN ANSWER, FALSE, AND  
A HANG UP. DURING THE PAUSE, ARSO HEARD HIGH ACTIVITY  
IN THE BACKGROUND. THE SECOND ATTEMPT WAS GREETED WITH  
A CURT "THERE ISN'T ANY" AND "WRONG NUMBER", THEN A  
SHARP HANG UP. ADDITIONAL TRIES MET BUSY SIGNALS. THE  
NUMBER CALLED BELONGS TO ZHU'S OFFICE. LILLEY

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